

TOWN OF OTEGO

MAY 08, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to audit the bills and any other business coming before the board. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law # 1 of 2024 – entitled “Local Law Amending the Town of Otego Local Law No. 1 of the year 1982 regarding liability of towns and town superintendents of highways in certain actions pursuant to Section 65-a of the New York State Town Law” and to audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supervisor

Public Hearing

Supervisor Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law # 1 of 2024. The town attorney presented a summary of the proposed law. No discussion or questions ensued.

Motion to close the floor after no comments by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm.

All in Favor

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to approve Local Law # 1 of 2024, amending Local Law # 1 of 1982. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to return to regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The hearing was closed at 6:10 pm and the regular meeting opened.

Visitors: Roxanne Hurlburt, Kathy Davis, and Ellen Dwyer

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the April 10th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s report for April:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$809,612.32
Receipts:	22,917.90
Disbursements:	<u>37,234.62</u>
Ending balance:	\$795,295.60

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 46,864.69
Receipts:	150.64
Disbursements:	<u>1220.22</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 45,795.11

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$824,546.01
Receipts:	17,440.83
Disbursements:	<u>55,132.87</u>
Ending balance:	\$786,853.97

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,199,781.01
Receipts:	13,288.01
Disbursements:	<u>25,019.33</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,188,049.69

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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Dog Control Officer

Read by Mrs. Horan, DCO Amy Cross reported 3 dogs loose and running on Mill Creek, unverified as unable to find dogs. Another report of husky running unable to get further information from caller. A resident reported dog on I88. Traffic was stopped and dog caught and transported to Sidney shelter. Finally, a resident complained of a GSD running loose on Bert Washburn Road, was unable to find any dog. Called delinquent dog owners on list for April.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan gave the Town Clerk report for April. Tax collection ended at 82.47 % collected for a total of \$1,613,534.84. Tax season is now complete; she will settle with the county on May 21, 2024.

County Representative

Per conversations with the Fishing Wildlife Management, Mr. Brockway reported that all local streams, including Otsdawa Creek have been stocked with fish for the 2024 season.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that permit applications are up, for renovations and housing permits.

Highway Report

JR reported that he met with Otsego County ambulances over re-fueling at the highway garage, similar to what the village and fire department currently do. The board expressed that they would like a meeting of the highway committee to discuss how this would work before making any decision. JR is also planning on meeting with the DEC to discuss how to shore up the banks where the Little League field is located. The creek is eroding the soil and may become a safety issue. The highway department annual expenditure agreement was presented to the board. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to approve the agreement. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Finally, there have been no applicants for the open highway driver position.

Planning Board

The planning board has a public hearing scheduled for the religious retreat on Bert Washburn Road on May 21. Lois also reported that planning board members are taking courses and re-certifying for 2024.

Otego Hometown Heroes

Roxanne Hurlburt reported on the Hometown Heroes program, stating there were an additional 21 veterans' banners that will be hung, hopefully by Memorial Day. She also said that she and Denise are re-designing the old American Legion sign/monument. It will be paid for with donated funds and labor from community members. A sketch was shown to board members who were impressed.

Warrant #5

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 94—108 in the amount of \$69,870.35. Highway Fund vouchers # 51 - 59 in the amount of \$8,002.89. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

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_____Councilperson

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_____Highway Supt.